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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

For a long time, I have been a customer, a very unsatisfied customer, of the large incumbent internet service providers such as Comcast or AT&T. Most times, they were the only options available to me in my area. And I had to suffer the customer-hostile practices and sub-par performance or cost competitiveness that come with monopolies and lack of local competition.

I was eager to give my business to other upstart ISPs but alas, they did not serve my area yet. Then finally an alternative ISP come in my area and enterprised to deploy a fiber network. I signed up right away, even before the deployment was complete and service was available. I have never looked back and am so grateful that a competitive offering was made available. I pay less than I did before, the quality of the service is orders of magnitude better than what either of the large incumbents had managed to do, and I am not forced to purchase countless things that I neither want nor need.

I hear that a petition was submitted, which would prevent the ability for alternative, competing ISPs to use critical elements of the unbundled backhaul network infrastructure, and cripple their chances to compete on a level playing field.

We badly need competition in our telecom and connectivity offerings. The monopolies or duopolies that are omnipresent in our country create no incentives for services to improve and for businesses to compete. It is a lethargic situation that is slowing the pace of progress relative to other countries. Please let companies like Sonic, my new ISP, demonstrate what a state of the art internet connectivity offering can be. Please make sure incumbents have to compete and do not get a monopoly over habitants of an area.

Thank you,

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